

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1994 - Sections 51 and 52

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

#### BOWEN GAS PROJECT

Arrow Energy Pty Ltd (Arrow) proposes to develop coal seam gas (CSG) resources in an area of approximately 8000km<sup>2</sup> that extends from approximately 30 km north of Glenden to 10 km south of Blackwater. The Bowen Gas Project is part of the Arrow CSG to liquefied natural gas (LNG) project within Queensland involving a number of other separate but related projects, including the Arrow Bowen Pipeline, Surat Gas Project, Arrow Surat Pipeline, and Arrow LNG Plant on Curtis Island, which are subject to separate environmental assessment processes.

The gas field has been defined as two regions: the northern CSG fields encompassing ATPA 742, ATPA749, ATP1103, part of ATP759, and ATP 1031 running south from Glenden to Middlemount, located mainly within the Isaac Regional Council area with a small section in the Whitsunday Regional Council area; and the southern CSG fields encompassing ATP1025, located near Blackwater, mainly within the Central Highlands Regional Council area, with a small section located within the southern region of the Isaac Regional Council area.

Development of the gas fields would generally involve production wells, gas and water gathering pipelines and access tracks, central gas processing, power generation, water treatment facilities and associated water storage (feed water, treated water, oily water and brine concentrate), with export of the gas through the Arrow Bowen Pipeline.

Up to 6,625 wells are proposed in staged production over the project life of approximately 40 years with each well operating for 15 to 20 years.

#### **Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Queensland)**

On 24 April 2012, the proponent applied under sections 70 & 71 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) for approval to voluntarily prepare an EIS. Under section 72 of the EP Act, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection approved the application on 2 May 2012.

#### **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)**

On 18 May 2012, the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities determined the proposed project to be a controlled action under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act). The controlling provisions as stated in decision notice 2012/6377 are sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities) and 20 and 20A (listed migratory species). The potential impacts of the project on the controlling provisions will be assessed under the bilateral agreement using the EIS prepared under the EP Act.

#### **A copy of the EIS can be inspected at:**

<b>Brisbane</b> Department of Environment and Heritage Protection Floor 3, 400 George Street Brisbane, QLD 4000	<b>Canberra</b> Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities Central Library Ground Floor John Gorton Building King Edward Terrace PARKES ACT 2600	<b>Mackay</b> Department of Environment and Heritage Protection 22-30 Wood Street Mackay, QLD 4740
<b>Blackwater</b> Blackwater Library Wey Street Blackwater, QLD 4717	<b>Duaringa</b> Duaringa Library Elizabeth Street Duaringa, QLD 4712	<b>Middlemount</b> Middlemount Library Middlemount Shopping Mall Middlemount, QLD 4746
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<b>Bowen</b> Bowen Customer Service Centre 7 Herbert Street Bowen, QLD 4805	<b>Emerald</b> Department of Environment and Heritage Protection 99 Hospital Road Emerald, QLD 4720	<b>Moranbah</b> Arrow Energy Community Information Centre 15 Town Square Avenue Moranbah, QLD 4744
<b>Clermont</b> Clermont Library Cnr Karmoo and Herschel Streets Clermont, QLD 4721	<b>Emerald</b> Emerald Library 44 Borilla Street Emerald, QLD 4720	<b>Nebo</b> Nebo Library 10 Reynolds Street Nebo, QLD 4742
<b>Collinsville</b> Collinsville Customer Service Centre Cnr. Stanley and Conway Streets Collinsville, QLD 4804	<b>Glenden</b> Glenden Library Town Centre Ewan Drive, Glenden, QLD 4743	<b>Proserpine</b> Proserpine Customer Service Centre 3-85 Main Street Proserpine, QLD 4800

The EIS can also be viewed online at [www.arrowenergy.com.au](http://www.arrowenergy.com.au).  
DVD copies can also be ordered by phoning 1800 038 856 or emailing [bowengas@arrowenergy.com.au](mailto:bowengas@arrowenergy.com.au)

Written submissions on the EIS are invited from any person during the submission period, which starts on **11 March 2013** and ends on **23 April 2013**. Submissions should be mailed to:

The Chief Executive  
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection  
Attention: The EIS Coordinator (Bowen Gas Project)  
GPO Box 2454  
Level 9, 400 George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4001  
or by email to [eis@ehp.qld.gov.au](mailto:eis@ehp.qld.gov.au)

#### **A properly made submission is one that:**

- is written
- is signed by or for each person ("signatory") who made the submission
- states the name and address of each signatory
- is made to the chief executive
- is received on or before the last day of the submission period.

Please note that it is a statutory requirement that all submissions will be forwarded to the proponent so that they may consider them and provide a response to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

For further information regarding the EIS process for this proposal, contact the EIS Coordinator on 13QGOV (13 74 68) or email [eis@ehp.qld.gov.au](mailto:eis@ehp.qld.gov.au)